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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Patent and Trademark Office action mailed July 28, 2003. A request for a ONE MONTH extension of time is submitted herewith, whereby the time for response expires on September 28, 2003.

Group I, Claims 8 and 9 are elected for examination, without traverse. The single species of Claim 9 is provisionally elected for examination should the Office require such election in response to the election of Group II. Claims 1-7, 10-14, 17 and 18 are canceled in this response.

In view of the requirement for restriction/election, and under the protection of 35 U.S.C. §121, please cancel Claims 1-7, 10-14, 17 and 18 without prejudice to Applicants' rights to pursue the canceled subject matter in divisional/continuation applications.